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ABDUCTION OF AIRPLANES

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"Prepare the abduction of a pursuit reactive aircraft of the German Peoples' Army. Induce the pilots of modern aircraft MIG 21 to desert." These were the plans of the CIA--the American secret service. But such plans have one drawback--they become useless after being discovered by the GDR security agencies.

30-year old electrical engineer Gunther Laudahn served in the front lines of American espionage. He arrived in Berlin with false papers, and soon "discussed" his gangster plans in Grunau with Interflug pilot Klaus-Dieter Jung. Now Laudahn stands before the highest court in the GDR. On the bench beside him sit two other accused men of the American secret service and of the Federation secret service who are accused of espionage and of violating the frontiers not only between the GDR and West Berlin, GDR and West Germany, but also of violating the frontiers between Czechoslovakia and the GDR, between Hungary and Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey.

Who is this Gunther Laudahn? He is an intelligent man who, to speak to, gives the impression of a very fine, even overly sensitive person, whose eyes filled with tears at the thought of his dissolved marriage and his two children. On the other hand, it is hard to explain how such a man would lend himself to prepare and organize an action of this kind without a thought of the consequences which his actions could have on unsuspecting people.

The term "hidden war" long was given birth in the headquarters of the Bundeswehr and the chief of staffs of NATO. Translated from the talk of the aggressors this means: to lead the constant tension in Europe to an acute crisis. The means? Border provocations, incidents. The Bonn newspaper Herausbildung in Wort und Bild /Evolution through Word and Image/ characterizes the "undercover war" as a "forcible exchange of opinions between the irregular forces and the legal state might. The goal

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